



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

June 1, 2016

The Honorable Joe Williams
Mayor
City of Bells
P.O. Box 760
Bells, TN 38006

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
RECEIPT # 7196 9008 9111 3808 2748

Re: Streamlining Legal Authority Public Notice Requirements
Bells Pretreatment Program
NPDES Permit No. TN0026247
Crockett County

Dear Mayor Williams:

In a letter dated November 25, 2015, the Division of Water Resources gave Bells preliminary approval for the proposed Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) and Enforcement Response Plan (ERP). The proposed changes to the SUO and ERP included the required streamlining changes. On May 27, 2016, the Division received proof of public notification for Bells' protection criteria (PC) and local limits (LLs). However, this public notice only mentioned the proposed PC and LLs and did not specifically mention the streamlining changes to the SUO and ERP. In order for our office to give Bells final approval for the SUO and ERP, Bells must submit to the office proof of public notice of the proposed streamlining changes to the SUO and ERP. Because Bells was originally given preliminary approval on November 25, 2015, and the SUO has already been adopted by the City, the required proof of public notice must be submitted to this office by July 20, 2016.

If Bells has not already completed the required public notice for the SUO and ERP, the steps outlined below should be taken. If the notice has been previously published in the newspaper, Bells may omit the requirements in item No. 1.

1. Bells shall publish a notice, in a newspaper of general circulation that provides meaningful public notice within the jurisdiction served by the Bells Wastewater Treatment Lagoon, indicating that the previously approved pretreatment program is being amended. The notice should include:
 - A. A brief description of the proposed changes, which specifically addresses revisions to the SUO and ERP
 - B. The length of time for public review, not less than thirty (30) days
 - C. An invitation to comment on the change

2. Following the comment period, Bells is to submit to this office the following by July 20, 2016:
 - A. A notarized statement from the newspaper publisher, attesting that the notice was published (the notice needs to be published only once)
 - B. A copy of the notice
 - C. A copy of all comments and any responses by Bells

Following the receipt of the information in No. 2 above, this Division will give final approval of the modifications to the SUO and ERP, provided that public comments have been dealt with satisfactorily. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (615) 532-8786 or Laurel.Rognstad@tn.gov.

Sincerely,



Laurel Rognstad
Environmental Protection Specialist
Compliance and Enforcement Unit

cc: Mr. James Scott – Division of Water Resources, Jackson EFO
Ms. Angel West, Lab Technician – City of Bells